



SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental illness is one of our nation's important health problems, accounting for a tremendous number of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, several million people are suffering from mental and emotional disorders, and

WHEREAS, mental illness manifests itself, also, in physical illnesses, delinquency, crime, school failure, job failure and alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, the effects of mental illness are felt in this state; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every community and every citizen in the community to combat mental illness through support of measures for prevention, improved treatment, research and education and through the personal application of sound mental health principles:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2-8, 1954, as

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and do urge the citizens of South Dakota to participate in the observance of this occasion, thus better acquainting themselves with the facts about mental illness and mental health, and with their responsibilities in maintaining good mental health in this state. I further urge support of the South Dakota Mental Health Association and its work, in every possible way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 15th day of April, 1954.

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

ATTEST:

Geraldine Stewart
Secretary of State

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